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SUBJECT: RADAR SYSTEM FOR BEIRUT AIRPORT

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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT PROPOSED SALE BY LOCKHEED ELECTRONICS COVERS AN AUTOMATED RADAR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM (CALLED ARTS II) TO UPGRADE TO PRESENT STATE-OF-THE-ART BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CAPABILITIES FOR HANDLING SCHEDULED AND NONSCHEDULED OPERATIONS OF MORE THAN FORTY INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS. THIS IN TURN WILL IMPACT FAVORABLY ON IMPROVED SAFETY AND PROVIDE MORE CAPACITY FOR LEBANON'S CIVIL AQR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM.

2. IN THIS REGARD EMBASSY DOES NOT CONSIDER THE PROPOSED SALE BY LOCKHEED ELECTRONICS OF ITS ARTS II SYSTEM TO BE A "DEFENSE ARTICLE OR SERVICES" TO A LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRY.

3. SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT AIL-CUTLER HAMMER WAS INTERESTED
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IN THIS PROJECT. AFTER AWARDING A SIMILAR CONTRACT A YEAR

AGO TO CUTLER-HAMME (SEE BONN 1198 AND BEIRUT 0989), GOL
DECIDED TO ASK FOR NEW TENDERS UPON LEARNING CUTLER-HAMMER
ON ARAB BOYCOTT LIST. HOWEVER FORMAL GOL LEGISLATION
PLACING CUTLER-HAMMER ON LEBANESE LIST NEVER TAKEN AND
CUTLEC-HAMMER HAS SUBSEQUENTLY TAKEN STEPS WITH CENTRAL
ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICE IN DAMASCUS TO HAVE NAME REMOVED. IS
STILL INTERESTED IN PROJECT AND IS SUBMITTING SECOND
TENDER. BUFFUM

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